

HOUSE APPROVES MMOP BALLOT PROPOSAL – The *House* moved on Tuesday this week to approve the ballot proposal that prohibits utilities and contractors from making campaign contributions, commonly known as *Money Out of Politics (MMOP)*.

The bigger picture: The *House* approved the proposal 77-26. As an initiated law, the *Legislature* has an opportunity to pass ballot measures before they would appear on the ballot. The *Senate* made it clear that the proposal will not be moving through the chamber, therefore the *Money Out of Politics* proposal will appear on the ballot in November. Notably, organizers for *Money Out of Politics* have called on lawmakers to leave the proposal alone.

To read more, please click [here](#).

AMERICANS FOR CITIZEN VOTING SEES DEADLOCKED VOTE – The *Board of State Canvassers* had a deadlock vote, 2-2, on whether the *Americans for Citizens Voting* ballot initiative had enough valid signatures to appear on the ballot.

The bigger picture: After a recommendation from the *Bureau of Elections* to not pass last week, the *Board of State Canvassers* could not agree on whether to validate the signatures. As it stands, the proposal will not be eligible to appear on the ballot in November. *Americans for Citizens Voting* requested a rehabilitation of over 100 signatures late last week that the *Bureau of Elections* staff deemed invalid. The board agreed to rehabilitate 14 signatures, but the total was still short of the requirement.

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NEW MEMBER PROFILES – As introduced in a previous edition of *This Week in Lansing*, *MHSA* will be continuing to introduce new legislative members in *This Week in Lansing*.

This feature is intended to introduce those that are expected to come to Lansing in 2027 given the safe seats they are running for. This is highlighting only new members in the *House* and *Senate*, so no incumbents will be highlighted. For the third edition of new member profiles, we will be highlighting the 7th, 10th, 25th and 26th *Senate Districts*.

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ELECTIONS

- *Representative Jay DeBoyer (R-Clay)* has officially been picked as *U.S. Representative John James'* running mate. The pick for *Representative DeBoyer's* replacement in the state *House* election is still to be decided. The meeting to pick a replacement was initially scheduled for Wednesday but has been delayed due to new information that needs to be reviewed by the party's legal counsel.

ODDS AND ENDS

- The *House* passed *Senate Bill 22* unanimously this week, which would allow for a renter's security deposit to be returned electronically through direct deposit or a cash transfer app. The bill will now move to *Governor Gretchen Whitmer's* desk.
- *Senate Bill 373* also passed the *House* this week, which would implement limits on the fees that landlords can charge tenants. The bill passed the *House* 99-5.

- ***Senate Bill 1052*** passed the ***House*** 100-4. The bills change the legal definition of kickbacks or bribes.
- The ***House*** passed ***Senate Bill 527*** unanimously. The bill allows for public sale of property being foreclosed to be held virtually.
- The ***House*** passed ***Senate Bill 569*** this week. The bill would make changes to fees relating to nurse aide and medication aide training and permits. The bill passed the ***House*** 98-6.
- A bill to prohibit price optimization as defined by setting rates or varying premiums not related to the risk of loss passed the ***House***. The bill, ***Senate Bill 1013***, passed by a margin of 97-7.
- The ***House*** passed legislation that expands who can file complaints with the legislative corrections ombudsman, strengthens protections against retaliation and requires increased transparency. ***House Bills 5920*** and ***5921*** both passed 102-2.
- ***House Bill 5452*** passed the ***House*** 84-14. The bill would remove the sunset date for allowing trial courts to impose court costs on criminal defendants. The sunset is currently scheduled for December 31, 2026. Notably, the bill does not include a new sunset.